

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for processing an electronic request to purchase goods or services, the method comprising:

providing to a shopper, via a communications network, an electronic purchase order having an opportunity to select a notification option and provide electronic purchasing information;

receiving from the shopper, via the communications network, the electronic purchasing information ~~from the shopper via the communications network, the purchasing information containing~~ that contains an electronic request to purchase goods or services and optionally supplied notification information, the notification information representative of at least one communication pathway for communicating with the shopper;

creating a shopper profile associated with the shopper, the shopper profile containing the electronic request and the optionally supplied notification information;

providing the shopper with delivery information;

recognizing the occurrence of a triggering event that affects the performance of the delivery;

accessing the notification information in the shopper profile;

if the shopper has selected the notification option and supplied the notification information, notifying the shopper that the triggering event has occurred via the at least one communication pathway; and

notifying the shopper of a changed delivery date.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving notification information comprises receiving one of an email address, a telephone number and a pager number.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving notification information comprises receiving presence information.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the notification information comprises a plurality of communication pathways, each pathway having a preferred rank.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the communications network is the Internet.
7. (Currently amended) A computer having instructions thereon for processing an electronic request to purchase goods or services, the instructions performing the steps comprising:
- providing to a shopper, via a communications network, an electronic purchase order having an opportunity to select a notification option and provide electronic purchasing information;
 - receiving from the shopper, via the communications network, the electronic purchasing information ~~from the shopper via the communications network, the purchasing information containing~~ that contains an electronic request to purchase goods or services and optionally supplied notification information, the notification information representative of at least one communication pathway for communicating with the shopper;
 - creating a shopper profile associated with the shopper, the shopper profile containing the electronic request and the optionally supplied notification information;
 - providing the shopper with delivery information;
 - recognizing the occurrence of a triggering event that affects the performance of the delivery;
 - accessing the notification information in the shopper profile;
 - if the shopper has selected the notification option and supplied the notification information, notifying the shopper that the triggering event has occurred via the at least one communication pathway; and
 - notifying the shopper of a changed delivery date.
8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) The computer of claim 7, wherein receiving notification information comprises receiving one of an email address, a telephone number and a pager number.

10. (Original) The computer of claim 7, wherein receiving notification information comprises receiving presence information.

11. (Original) The computer of claim 7, wherein the notification information comprises a plurality of communication pathways, each pathway having a preferred rank.

12. (Currently amended) A server computer for processing an electronic request to purchase goods or services from a shopper, the server comprising:

- a communications interface connected to a communications network for establishing a communications link between the server and a host client computer;

- a processing engine in communication with the communications interface, wherein the processing engine has a microprocessor for executing computer-readable instructions

- for providing to the shopper a purchase order having an opportunity to select a notification option, receiving purchasing information from the shopper via the host client computer and the communications network, the purchasing information containing an electronic request to purchase goods or services, and optionally supplied notification information representative of at least one communication pathway for communicating with the shopper;

- for providing the shopper with delivery information;

- for recognizing the occurrence of a triggering event that affects the performance of the delivery;

- for notifying the shopper that the triggering event has occurred via the at least one communication pathway if the shopper has selected the notification option and supplied the notification information; and

- for notifying the shopper of a changed delivery date; and

- a data storage facility in communication with the processing engine for storing data representing the notification information and a shopper profile associated with the shopper

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and containing the electronic request and the notification information associated with the shopper.

13-14. (Canceled)

15. (Original) The server system of claim 12 further comprising:
a message routing agent adapted to receive notification information.